

THE BEAR FIGHT.
A story, showing how a bear-man, is copied from
the dog "Cash" is
and child in Pickens
Bryan. "I do to those
unfortunately enough them
would say, that James is
the county aforesaid. And
the authority of the pres-
sary for saying, that he was
enough who carried the re-
sidential election to Mount-
ain.

ness went to the
Secretary.
you, Mr. Bryan," said
"and you do?" replied he
on those blocks I hardly

real-teller, and many sides-
from laughing at his
wood stories. One of
them promising that the gift of
his rich made of telling it,
it being read.

It will work for others he may
spend 100 dollars each year, besides clothing him-
self a cheaper rate than people have ever been
able to do in former times.

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AGRICULTURE.

HORSE RAKES.

These implements are now quite common in
Massachusetts. How hard it was to persuade far-
mers that horses could help to raise up hay!

There is now a variety of kinds of rakes. None
are yet made in perfection, yet almost any form
that has been introduced will aid much in this im-
portant branch of having. A beginner must have
patience and expect to be perfect at once, if indeed,
it has no effect upon others. It generally
looks greener and more thriving than the grass
within the reach of its roots. It ought to be
destroyed.

Another enemy of cultivation here known by
the name of brakes, of which there seem to be
two or three different species, grows rather too
plenty in low lands. It seldom vegetates on the
top of hills. One kind grows in separate stalks,
another somewhat ramified. This kind varies
from twelve to eighteen inches in height. An-
other which grows in bunches reaches two feet
in height. A third variety, takes
the appellation of buckhorn. These two last
mentioned, resemble each other in the ex-
tent of their roots, which would re-
quire the iron arm of a Hercules to beat in
pieces and leave but a precious little for his hand-
take.

Complaints are made of the revolving rake that
the labor of holding is severe and that the teeth let
the hay run through. But coarse hay is raised
when any is scattered. Suppose he is careless
about the corners of the field at the first setting,
he may afterwards make the whole circuit once
or twice and leave but a precious little for his hand-
take.

The spring-tooth rake is made to go in rough
and stony ground, and for all uneven surfaces it
works better than rakes with wooden teeth. Ob-
jects are made to this on account of the dirt and
dust that are scratched up and incorporated with
the hay.

Cash stoned the poor brute
keeping his body side by
side, so that the latter could not
ring, gentlemen," cried the
Bring him here, Cash." "I
dropped the beast half
through once exposing himself
to the animal."

"Again the brave dog
the bear's teeth fairly chaf-
tage. Still Cash, by keep-
ing yard-arm with the bear, was
the bear seen in his master's cabin,

the bear seen in the rear of his
home, cash as he had never seen a bear that large in
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THE POETS CORNER.

THE BEAUTY OF LIBERTY.

"In all things that have beauty, there is nothing to man more costly than Liberty." [Milton.]

When the dace of the shadows,
At day-break is done,
And the cheeks of the morning
Are red with the sun,
When he sinks in his glory,
At eve, from the view,
And calls up the planet,
To blaze in the blue;
There is beauty—but where is the beauty to see,
More prou'd than the sight of a nation when free!

When the beautiful bend
Of the bow is shown,
Like a collar of light,
On the bosom of love—
When the moon is her mildness
Is floating on high,
Like a banner of silver,
Hanging in the sky;
There is beauty—but earth has no beauty to see,
More prou'd than the front of a nation when free!

In the depth of the darkness,
Unvaried in hue,
When the shadows are veiling
The breath of the blue;
When the voice of the tempest,
At midnight is still,
And the spirit of solitude
Sobs on the hill;

There is beauty—but where is the beauty to see,
Like the broad-leaving bough of a nation when free?

In the breath of the morning,
When nature's awake,
And calls up the chorus
To chase the brake;
In the voice of the echo,
Unbound in the woods;
In the warbling of streams;
And the founting of floods;

There is beauty—but where is the beauty to see,
Like the sun-brilliant bough of a nation when free?

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

The Generous Cumanche.

BY AUGUSTINE J. H. DUGANNE.

CHAPTER I.

Very little is known of that wild and romantic people which inhabit between the waters of the Gila and the vast table land stretching to the Rocky Mountains. The Comanche Indians seem to be the dividing race between the ruder tribes of the Atlantic border of our country, and the more civilized and refined nations occupying the Southern part of the continent, from the Aztec valley of Mexico to the regions of Manco Caca.

Amid the numberless changes which have continually been the feature of the American-Spanish countries, the Cumanche tribes have always managed to preserve not merely a nominal independence, but an actual balance of power, if not an ascendancy, in the Northern provinces which are the principal seat of their power. Completely nomadic in their life, they vary their localities with the facility of a marching army, occupying by turns the vicinity of settlements, the wide prairies, or the almost impenetrable forests; those bairistic men of war give them such a powerful means of protection, the resources of their with impunity the almost desolate villages and ranches which he isolated and exposed to their depredations.

The policy of these tribes, patriarchal, their organization essentially military, and it is estimated that they can even now, when from various causes they are becoming greatly decimated, bring into the field some ten thousand mounted warriors at the shortest possible notice. It may well be imagined, therefore, that the neighborhood and hostility of such forces, have been no feeble check upon the enterprise of infantic settlements.

Indeed a mounted (and they are all splendid horsemen) Cumanche is not the least formidable enemy which even a well-armed traveller might encounter. Bounding his stout *mustang*, with the case and freedom of an Arab, and disdaining in general the use of either bridles or surrogs, the rider grasps the shaggy mane of his horse with his left hand, and with his right poised an eight-foot lance, which he darts and recovers with the rapidity of lightning. Add to this powerful weapon, a Spanish carbine, slung at his back, a tomahawk, and often a short, thick club depending from his crupper, and you have the offensive weapons of a Cumanche warrior, who, painted, gilded, and decked profusely with feathers and ornaments, is a strikingly effective figure with the same alacrity with which he dashes in the pleasures of the chase.

There is also a sort of rule of chivalry in the customs of this tribe which strongly partakes of the honorable character assigned to the Bedouin Arab. They observe strictly the laws of hospitality, and a stranger, who has crossed the threshold of a Cumanche lodge, and broken bread with the host, is safe from all harm.

He who has eaten salt in an Ishmache's tent is sure of his host's protection. The promise of a Cumanche is likewise held inviolate by the rest of his tribe, and has often been the means of saving many a hapless Spaniard whom the fortune of war had delivered into savage bondage.

It was the close of a sultry day in autumn that a solitary Cumanche horseman rode up to the door of a hovel, encircled in the center of a wide clearing, bounded on all sides by an extensive sweep of forest, and hemmed in on the other by a series of rocky shelves stretching far up to the summit of a chain of lofty mountains. Both horse and rider were apparently fatigued with long travel, and their reeking accoutrements were crusted with the dust of the road. The Indian, as he reached the house, threw himself from his steed, and looked anxiously through the open doorway.

In a short period in which the inhabitants of the lonely village where the rancho was situated were daily in dread of savage incursions, rumors having reached them of severa Cumanche expeditions that had devastated the neighboring settlements. Under the fear of attack, several of the young farmers had formed themselves into a band which might be summoned together at the first notice of danger.

The Indians who dwelt around from his mounting, and a small number of his tribe, had been murdered ruthlessly by those red demons! No! comrades! I go alone. Adieu!"

"Saints! lag shield you, Pablo! You are a brave man, Pablo!" said one.

"He is determined on something desperate, it is true; but he will not mark of another."

"Well, I am one to help him, if it's not too desperate," said a third.

"Ay, if it's not so desperate as pursuing that red man who stole his wife."

"Precisely so! That's altogether out of reason."

The return of Pablo from the interior put a stop to further remarks. The young man had hastily bound a knapsack to his back, and his belt, a gun, a powder-horn and a long knife. He held his carbine firmly in his hand, and his face was a most resolute expression.

"In pursuit of my wife. I will never leave her to perish!"

"The saints preserve us! You will not attempt such a thing—and a deadly one!"

"I would not ask one of you to risk his life,

even if your assistance could benefit me. I go alone, and shall return with my wife, or return no more. The Cumanche are cruel and crafty, but I hope to heaven to assist me in my purpose."

"Pablo, it is madness for you! Better wait, and attain the aid of your comrades. The governor will, perhaps—"

"Wait! Ay, and learn that my wife has been murdered ruthlessly by those red demons! No! comrades! I go alone. Adieu!"

"Saints! lag shield you, Pablo! You are a brave man, Pablo!"

"I love my wife," said the farmer, firmly

clenching his hand around his broom to hide

his secret, "and I have given her the care of

the farm-house, gazing into the interior, and

waiting patiently the appearance of some one of

the household."

As it did so, a young child, who had been

playing in the shade of the porch, came forth

with hesitating steps towards him—an infant of scarce

three years—attracted by the glittering ornaments of the Indian's dress. The Cumanche stooped and lifted the wondering babe in his hands.

It was at this moment that a young boy

emerged from an interior apartment of the fam-

house, and caught a glimpse of the red man in

the house.

CHAPTER III.

whose brawny arms the unconscious infant was held aloft. A wild cry of alarm broke at once from his lips, and in a moment he had grasped a musket from the wall where it hung, and leaping through an open window, discharged it into the air.

The sharp report reverberated through the surrounding air, and was almost instantaneously answered by a hundred voices from a distance from the house. The Cumanches, who had not noticed the presence of the alarmed farmer, till startled by the report of his gun, divined in an instant, with the instinct of his race, that danger threatened him. He hid the babe upon the award, where, frightened by the noise, it lay uttering shrill screams, and springing on his horse, turned to fly from the farm-house to the shelter of the wood. But, as if by enchantment, a dozen armed men appeared suddenly from the barrel of a carbine, and the gleaming blade of a long knife appeared below his belt of buffaloes.

It was Pablo, and at his feet crouched a shaggy dog, the companion of his lonely march.

Long and toilsome had been the bereaved husband's travel through alternate wood and desert, on his only food being that which could be brought in with difficulty, and his only hope the thoughts of being permitted to reach once more the side of his wife, either to share her captivity or perish with her by the hands of the fierce Cumanche.

The sun was just setting, and his red beams were blazing through the yellow tops of tall trees beneath the precipice where he stood. Far to the North, his glance might retreat to the vast extent which he could see from the mountain, he could catch a glimmer of his wife's girlish gait, dash through the bushes, and catch a glimpse of a faint smoke, which arose from among the thickest portion of the wooded valley. This Pablo knew must rise from some encampment or village of the Indians, and the poor wanderer's heart throbbed with anxiety, in the hope of soon beholding the form of his wife, or the fears of perchance seeing her scalp hanging in a savage wigwam.

For several days he had kept upon the trail of the Indians, and, by his knowledge of woods, to detect the slight marks left in the passage through the forest, and to determine pretty accurately the number of warriors which compeded it. All day long he might have been seen stooping to examine a broken branch, or inspecting some tree-trunk, that had been broken by an Indian's tomahawk. Then leaning upon his gun, he stretched out his hand to the advancing chiefman!

"Brother!"

The Indian grasp met his, and at the sight a loud shout went up from the group of Cumanches, who immediately crowded around the two, whilst the Spanish wife, released from her bonds, opened her eyes, and with a cry of joy recognized her husband.

CHAPTER IV.

There was a great feast given that night in the village of the Cumanche chief, and Pablo broke bread with his hosts, and was welcomed west. But, nevertheless, he was not permitted to stay or communicate with his unhappy wife, who consigned to the care of squaws, was conveyed to another part of the encampment. The bravery and devotion of the Spaniard, however, had gained him a sort of rustic friendship among the tribe, and he hoped at length to prevail on his host to favor the escape of the captive.

"The white chief's thoughts are not in his wife," said the red man, as he led the way, after the feast, to the wigwam which had been appropriated to Pablo. "He is thinking of wounding the muses in dark alleys, and then dismissed.—[Pennsylvanian.]

REV. WILLIAM B. TAPPAN.

Many of our readers, both in the city and country, were personally acquainted with the Rev. W. B. Tappan, General Agent of the American S. S. Union, and many more who knew him as a man of great talents, and a man of high character, and who were fond of him, will be sorry to hear of his death.

"O Sainte Marie!" cried the poor husband, raising his hands to heaven, "grant that I may see my wife, and I will willingly die!" O' vouchsafe that I may rescue her, and I solemnly promise to make pilgrimage, and buy altar-cloth for Our Lady of Gaudalupe!"

Thus implored the sad-hearted Spaniard, and rising once more to his feet with renewed confidence and hope, he took a firm grasp of his carbine, and, descending from the mountain top just as the last sunbeams rays were descending beneath the horizon.

Pablo was well aware that if he could approach the Indian village without observation, and boldly enter the first lodge, claim hospitality from its occupant, he would, if his request were granted, be safe from harm among the Cumanches; as they were all known to observe strictly their rude laws of honor, and, as moreover, each man was lord of his own wigwam, and could protect any one who had crossed his threshold. He resolved, therefore, first to approach the outskirts of the encampment, and then, if possible, to enter a lodge, and thus gain the shelter of the village.

This resolution of Pablo was induced not more by his desire to learn at once the fate of his wife, than by his determination to share that fate, whether it were captivity or death. If the former, he trusted that means would sooner or later be found to effect his escape; and, if the latter, he could protect any one who had crossed his threshold.

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